CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF IBADAN

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

4, Catholic Mission Oke-Ado, Ibadan · Nigeria

First Sunday of Advent · Sunday, November 29, 2026 · Year B · Violet

Mass Times

Saturday Morning
6:00 – 7:00 AM

Sunday
6:30 – 8:30 AM · 9:30 – 12:30 PM

Monday – Friday
6:00 AM · 12:00 PM (Midday Mass)

Every Evening
6:00 PM

Confession

Saturday
5:00 PM

By appointment
Call the parish office

Devotions

Rosary
Daily · 30 minutes before morning Mass

Weekly & Monthly

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Wednesday · 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

A Day with Mother Mary
13th of every month

Monthly Parish Vigil
Third Friday of every month · 10:00 PM

The Word of God

FIRST READING

Isaiah 63:16d–17; 64:1, 3b–8

"O that you would rend the heavens and come down."

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

You, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from old is your name. O Lord, why do you make us err from your ways and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage.

O that you would tear the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence! You came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

You meet him that joyfully works righteousness, those that remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one that calls upon your name, that bestirs himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquities. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80:2ac, 3b, 15–16a, 18–19 (R. 4)

R. O God, bring us back; let your face shine on us, and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might and come to save us.
R. O God, bring us back; let your face shine on us, and we shall be saved.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.
R. O God, bring us back; let your face shine on us, and we shall be saved.

May your hand be on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed as your own.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
R. O God, bring us back; let your face shine on us, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him with all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony to

Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ; who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

Mark 13:33–37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Watch therefore—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Watch.

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION

A new year of grace begins, and with it a new cycle — Year B, the year of Mark. “Be on your guard, stay awake.” We are the clay and he the potter; Advent is the season for letting ourselves be shaped again.

Announcements

PARISH NOTICES · 8

1. Collections this Sunday
Mandatory Collection.
Special Collection: Rev. Fr. Edward Sendforth Collection.
6:30 AM Mass: Associate Missionary of St Paul (AMSP).
9:30 AM Mass: Associate Missionary of St Paul (AMSP).

2. Welcome
We welcome those who are worshipping with us today for the first time. Kindly come forward for blessing. May God bless your coming and may He grant success to the works of your hands. Amen. You are most welcome.

3. Owode
Church cleaning: all the members of the church.
Mandatory Collection.
Special Collection: Rev. Fr. Edward Sendforth Collection.
Thanksgiving: those born in the month of November.

4. Banns of Marriage — 3rd Calling
Paulinus Kelechi Esomdun Nwujuwa, Oru East, Awo-Omamma, Imo State, and Gloria Ogochukwu Uzoamaka, Ututh, Nnewi, Anambra State.

5. Death / Burial Arrangements
For Catechist Mr. Augustine Eniola Eniyansoro, aged 81. Wake keep on Thursday, 26th November 2026 at Plot 11, Agbaku, Agara, off Akala Express, Ibadan, by 5pm. Requiem Mass on Friday, 27th November 2026 at the Parish, 10am. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES · 4

9. Bible Study
Every Tuesday by 5pm inside the Church. Let us come together to study and know the word of God.

10. Catechism Classes
Every Sunday by 4pm. Parents, please bring your children/wards for registration.

11. Adult Catechism Class
Every Sunday after the 6:30am Mass in the Conference Room. Strictly for adults and apprentices under their masters.

12. Marriage Class — Batch C
Every Sunday by 4pm. Registration is still ongoing for the Third Session/Batch C of the year — register today in the parish office before resumption.

CHURCH COMMUNITY · 4

13. From the CWO
The CWO general thanksgiving comes up every 2nd Sunday. For the month of November: Christian Mothers. NB: henceforth every woman is expected to come with a food item for CWO thanksgiving, not only the leading society. So let us be prepared. We implore all women to pay the CWO annual due of N4,000. CWO St. Joseph Catholic Church, Oke-Ado, Ib. · Union Bank · 0000314186
CWO — Umbrella for All. Through Mary Our Mother, We Succeed.

6. 2026 Igbo Cultural Day Festival

Ohanaeze Ndigbo Worldwide, Oyo State Chapter invites you to the 2026 Igbo Cultural Day Festival, a celebration of Igbo culture and tradition in grand style: a 2-day event on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November 2026. Highlights: Igbo Cultural Day and a N5 billion fund raising for a befitting Ohanaeze Centre (Secretariat and Empowerment Centre) at Recreation Club Field, Adamasingba, with a seminar preceding the cultural celebration at Mauve 21 Event Centre, Adeoyo Ring Road, Ibadan. This is the first time Igbos resident in Oyo State, including those in Shaki, Ogbomoso, Egbeda, Oyo Alaafin, Ibarapa, Iseyin, Eruwa and others in the 33 Local Government Areas of Oyo State, are coming together under one Ohanaeze to celebrate Igbo Cultural Day. Come with your family and friends, Town Unions, Market Associations, Clubs, Academia, Cultural groups etc. Fantastic prizes and gifts await you.

Announcer: Christopher Odemena (Bacoba), Chairman, 2026 Ohanaeze Ndigbo, Oyo State Igbo Cultural Festival Committee, or Hon. Okechukwu Nwabunaike Umeh (PG), Ohanaeze Ndigbo Worldwide, Oyo State Chapter.

7. Security: Operation Stop and Search

Dear brethren, please cooperate with our security officers. Open your boots and bags for searching when coming in and out of the church premises, and park your cars where you are directed to park.

Secondly, take proper care of your bags while in the church. Go along with them when coming out for Offertory etc. Thanks. Keep safe!

8. No Overnight Parking

No vehicle is allowed to park in the church compound overnight. If for any reason you want to park, please see the Parish Office and collect your Parking Permit Card. Please bear in mind that cars are parked at the owner's risk.

14. CWO: 2026 Parish Harvest Levy

The CWO is co-hosting the 2026 Parish Harvest and, in order to meet our target, we kindly appeal to all mothers to support us by paying a minimum CWO Harvest Hosting Levy of N5,000.

Union Bank · 0000314186 · CWO, St Joseph

You may also pay to any of the CWO collectors or executives. After payment, kindly forward your payment receipt and your name to 08038212750 or 08038276307. Your generous support will help make the 2026 Parish Harvest a success. Thank you, and God bless you abundantly.

15. From the CMO

The CMO general meeting comes up every second Sunday of the month immediately after the 9:30am Mass inside the Conference Room, and it is mandatory to wear the Ankara uniform to the meeting.

Harvest levy: N2,000 minimum. CMO uniform: Ankara 4 yards N8,000, 6 yards N10,000; T-shirt N6,000. Monthly dues: N6,000 per year.

CMO St. Joseph Oke-Ado · Sterling Bank · 0073308727

May Almighty God continue to bless you. Amen.

16. From the CYON

The youth centre activities will resume properly.

The present tenure is due and election preparations are ongoing; we urge our dear youths to take up offices in the coming election.

CYON ST JOSEPH OKE ADO · UBA · 2333103717 · Narration: CYON Renovation support.

Thank you and God bless!

REMINDERS · 3

17. Yearly Contribution (YC)

We implore you, dear parishioners, to pay your YC for 2026, and if you have arrears, kindly update. Men N500, Women N250.

18. Laity Contribution (LC)

We implore you, dear parishioners, to pay your Laity Contribution for the year 2026. Men N500, Women N250.

19. Parish Anthem

To be chanted after the announcements.

Behold St. Joseph Catholic Church Oke-Ado, we are one family…

We are parish of Reality with Love and oneness, we are one…

Glory be to God, honour to Mary and Joseph, as we are one family.

Refrain: St. Joseph we are one… St. Joseph we are one… St. Joseph we are one, one family (2x)

II. Our foundation is built by the rock of one family, we are one…

Glory be to God, honour to Mary and Joseph, as we are one family. (Refrain)

The Week Ahead

No special parish events are scheduled this week. The regular Mass and devotion schedule continues as listed.

Readings for the Week

Monday 30 Nov	**St Andrew, Apostle** FEAST Romans 10:9–18 · Psalm 19(18):2–5 · Matthew 4:18–22
Tuesday 1 Dec	Isaiah 11:1–10 · Psalm 72(71):1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17 · Luke 10:21–24
Wednesday 2 Dec	Isaiah 25:6–10a · Psalm 23(22) · Matthew 15:29–37
Thursday 3 Dec	**St Francis Xavier** MEMORIAL Isaiah 26:1–6 · Psalm 118(117):1, 8–9, 19–21, 25–27a · Matthew 7:21, 24–27
Friday 4 Dec	**St John Damascene** OPTIONAL MEMORIAL Isaiah 29:17–24 · Psalm 27(26):1, 4, 13–14 · Matthew 9:27–31
Saturday 5 Dec	Isaiah 30:19–21, 23–26 · Psalm 147(146):1–6 · Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8